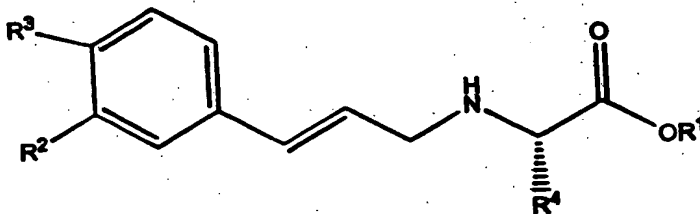


Amendments to the Claims:

Please add the following claims:

202. (New) A compound of the formula:



wherein:

R¹ is H or methyl; R² is H, phenoxy, substituted phenyl (where the substituents are selected from C₁₋₅alkyl, C₁₋₅alkoxy, hydroxy, halo, trifluoromethyl, nitro, cyano, and amino), or CO₂Me;

R³ is H, trifluoromethyl, nitro, C₁₋₅alkoxy, carboxyl, or 2,3-benzo; and R⁴ is substituted amino (where the substituents are selected from one or more members of the group consisting of C₁₋₅alkyl, halosubstituted C₁₋₅alkyl, C₁₋₅alkenyl, C₁₋₅alkenyl, phenyl, phenyl C₁₋₅alkyl, C₁₋₅alkylcarbonyl, halosubstituted C₁₋₅alkylcarbonyl, carboxy C₁₋₅alkyl, C₁₋₅alkoxy C₁₋₅alkyl, cinnamoyl, naphthylcarbonyl, furylcarbonyl, pyridylcarbonyl, C₁₋₅alkylsulfonyl, phenylcarbonyl, phenyl C₁₋₅alkylcarbonyl, phenylsulfonyl, phenyl C₁₋₅alkylsulfonyl, substituted phenylcarbonyl, substituted phenyl C₁₋₅alkylcarbonyl, substituted phenylsulfonyl, substituted phenyl C₁₋₅alkylsulfonyl, substituted phenyl, and substituted phenyl C₁₋₅alkyl, [where the aromatic phenyl, phenyl C₁₋₅alkyl, phenylcarbonyl, phenyl C₁₋₅alkylcarbonyl, phenylsulfonyl, and phenyl C₁₋₅alkylsulfonyl substituents are independently selected from one to five members of the group consisting of C₁₋₅alkyl, C₁₋₅alkoxy, hydroxy, halogen, trifluoromethyl, nitro, cyano, and amino]).

203. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claims 202.
204. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an active drug component and the compound of claim 202.
205. (New) The composition of claim 204 wherein said active drug component is combined with an oral, non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable inert carrier.
206. (New) The composition of claim 205 wherein said carrier is ethanol, glycerol, or water.
207. (New) The composition of claim 204 further comprising binders, lubricants, disintegrating agents, or coloring agents.
208. (New) The composition of claim 207 wherein said binders are selected from the group consisting of starch, gelatin, natural sugars, corn sweeteners, natural and synthetic gums carboxymethylcellulose, polyethylene glycol, and waxes.
209. (New) The composition of claim 207 wherein said lubricants are selected from the group consisting of sodium oleate, sodium stearate, magnesium stearate, sodium benzoate, sodium acetate, and sodium chloride.
210. (New) The composition of claim 207 wherein said disintegrating agents ors are

selected from the group consisting of starch, methyl cellulose, agar, bentonite, and xanthan gum.

211. (New) The composition of claim 204 contained in a topical administration.

212. (New) The composition of claim 211 wherein said active drug component can be admixed with carrier materials selected from the group consisting of alcohols, aloe vera gel, allantoin, glycerine, vitamin A and E oils, mineral oil, PPG2 myristyl propionate.

213. (New) An oral composition comprising an EPO receptor modulating compound of claim 202 having an active drug component being combined with an oral, non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable inert carrier.

214. (New) The composition of claim 213 wherein said carrier is ethanol, glycerol, or water.

215. (New) The composition of claim 213 further comprising binders, lubricants, disintegrating agents, or coloring agents.

216. (New) The composition of claim 215 wherein said binders are selected from the group consisting of starch, gelatin, natural sugars, corn sweeteners, natural and synthetic gums carboxymethylcellulose, polyethylene glycol, and waxes.

217. (New) The composition of claim 215 wherein said lubricants are selected from the group consisting of sodium oleate, sodium stearate, magnesium stearate, sodium benzoate, sodium acetate, and sodium chloride.

218. (New) The composition of claim 215 wherein said disintegrating agents are selected from the group consisting of starch, methyl cellulose, agar, bentonite, and xanthan gum.